Legends Persist Of 'Cursed' Gems

Hope Diamond and the Black Orloff Have Romantic but Bloody History.

NEW YORK.—A White Russian princess named Nadia Vyegin Orloff leaped to her death recently in Rome. A month earlier another princess from the lost empire of the Czars had taken the same way out. Both, said Rome gossip, had once possessed the Black Orloff diamond, which brought death to all who owned it.

In all the world today there is probably a bucketful of famous gems that have histories of disaster, death and blood—stories compounded partly of truth and partly of man's imagination.

Serious-minded mineralogists, gem experts and historians scoff at theories about gems generating tragic events for the owners. None, however, denies that around many of these precious stones dark pages of history have been written, and that because of man's lust for them gallons of blood have been spilled.

Many of the fabled stones were owned by kings and nobles in days when men lived by violent deeds. Gems always have been a stable currency in an unstable world.

History of Hope Diamond.

The Blue Hope diamond, for example, has a gaudy history, although there is still some doubt about its early days. Most authorities believe it was purchased as an uncut stone in India by a French gem-fancier and traveler named Tavernier. He sold it to diamond-loving Louis XIV of France in the middle of the seventeenth century. By the time weak, ineffectual Louis XVI and his queen, Marie Antoinette, reached the throne, the Tavernier blue has been cut into a flashing gem which was part of the crown jewels.

Stone Never Found.

After their deaths, the Hope and the other fabled stones disappeared in one of history's most dramatic robberies, at the national treasury in Paris in 1792. A gang made off with crown jewels which today would be worth about 20 million dollars. The Tavernier blue, the Regent and the Sancy diamond were as important part of the loot.

The big blue never was recovered, although a number of men were executed or punished for complicity in the theft. But almost half a century later a stone popped into the market which experts believe was the Tavernier blue, recut to conceal its identity. The brilliant blue stone weighed 44¼ carats, and was flawless. It was sold to Henry Thomas Hope for $90,000 and from him passed through a number of hands until it was purchased in 1911 by Edward McLean, former Washington newspaper publisher.

Reputed to bring hard luck to its owners, the legend of the Hope curse was kept alive, although Mr. McLean and his wife, Evalyn Walsh McLean, famed Washington hostess, died from natural causes. A daughter, Evalyn, died of an overdose of sleeping medicine in 1946. A son, Vincent, was killed in 1918 when he was struck by an automobile.

Lately the Hope, now consigned to a vault, was valued at $176,920 in the appraisal of Mrs. McLean's estate.

Black Market in Dogs Deals In Mongrels, Stolen Pets

LONDON. — With fashionable breeders demanding $100 to $200 for eight-week-old pups, tax-ridden, impoverished Britons who love dogs are exploring London's East End for less expensive pets.

Every Sunday morning an open-air dog market is held in Club Row, a narrow, sordid street off the notorious Petticoat Lane.

There, shabby sharp-eyed men in tweed caps congregate to offer dogs of all breeds and ages.

There's everything in Club Row from happy-go-lucky mongrels to dignified animals which look like potential show dogs.

There are families of scarcely weaned yelping puppies in baskets and dogs so old that their real ages are closely guarded trade secrets.

Police keep a watchful eye on Club Row for many of the dogs on sale are likely to have been stolen. Stolen dogs are sold as quickly as possible because police circulate their descriptions within 24 hours.

Buying a stolen dog isn't the only risk you run when you select a pet in Club Row. He is pretty sure to be either much younger or much older than you were told.

He may be afflicted with costly and incurable diseases. He may be blind in at least one eye. He may even be dyed. The salesmen are experts in the art of camouflaging dogs.

Leering of Customs Agent At Ankle Nabs Smuggler

BROWNSVILLE, TEX. — Bill Langford, customs inspector, made an important capture because of a natural urge to look at a pretty ankle.

Langford said a woman had passed customs at Laredo. As she walked away, he was admiring her ankles. Then he saw something drop from her skirt. It was a package of narcotics.

Lumber Firms Note Year of Prosperity

Continued High Demand and a Price Drop Foreseen.

PORTLAND, ORE. — The lumber industry rode the crest of a sawdust flood to the most prosperous year in its history in 1947.

Production topped 1946, which in turn exceeded the war years; orders were almost limitless; prices were high.

The outlook: Continued record demand; a possible decline in prices, particularly for lower grades; greater production.

Highlights of the year: A gradual lowering of extreme speculative prices of the spring, an end to wartime allocation controls, and continued strong demand for construction lumber at the year's close, counter to seasonal experience.

Shipping Is Bottleneck.

H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of West Coast Lumberman's association, said the only factors which could prevent record production in 1948 would be shortages of cargo ships and rail cars. Last August, lumber piled up in western Oregon storage yards to such an extent that an estimated 200 mills closed at intervals and others ran on reduced shifts because the supply of boxcars was insufficient to clear stocks.

George T. Gerlinger, one of the Northwest's major lumbermen, said an extra 300 freight cars a day for two months would cut prices 10 to 15 per cent because the sudden flood of lumber into retailers' hands would put an end to extreme competitive bidding.

For six years, W. E. Griffee, assistant secretary-manager of Western Pine association, pointed out, there has been an eager buyer for nearly every carload of reasonably well manufactured lumber. But until recently buyers weren't too concerned over how well the lumber was manufactured.

Small Mills Modernizing.

Millmen agree now that although the scales are tipping toward better lumber, the small, ill-equipped, war-born operations have not folded as predicted. Instead, they are making improvements, utilizing custom drying and milling installations, and are cashing in on unceasing demand. Small operators, particularly those with less efficient equipment, see a sharp price drop as their only threat.

John W. McClure, secretary-treasurer of National Hardwood Lumber association, said supply of the lower grades of hardwood has pretty well caught up with demand but the upper grades have lagged.

Autos of 1950 Will Be Even Lower and More Streamlined

DETROIT.—The ideas of top designers in the automobile field are embodied in a new super-streamlined vehicle drawn to attract the car buyer in 1950.

Presented in the Iron Age, metal-working publication, the drawing shows the trend toward vehicles with the unusually low center of gravity achieved in the new Hudson, and an even more exaggerated all-around window plan to provide better vision.

Postwar cars of "The Big Three" won't be strikingly different from the postwar models with continuous fender lines like those of Hudson, Packard, Studebaker and Kaiser-Frazer, observes Walter Patton, editor of the magazine.

In fact, they may not be easily distinguished from each other.

"The new cars will look more like integrated units and less like an assembly of pieces of steel," he predicts.

"Hoods will be shortened as fast as new V-type motors become available."

ADDRESS BY LOCAL COUNTY AGENT

(Continued from Page One)

are all valuable if rightly used, but these are not really the things our boys have died for. Yes, every good loyal 4-H Club member will do the best project work he can, produce and conserve food and material to the utmost. But this 4-H Club member will be doing greater and more lasting work if he will attach himself to some branch of the church, and actively participate in developing in himself, and others, that way of life described long ago by a prophet who said: 'Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with thy God.' If we practice this we will really be serving 'God and Country.'"

College Students Admit Offenses

Texas Survey Reveals They Are Just Better at Covering Trails.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—College students indulge in the same juvenile delinquency offenses as boys and girls who do not have the opportunity for higher education, but only a few of them ever get into court, says Austin L. Porterfield of the department of sociology of Texas Christian university.

Writing in the Christian-Evangelist, a national weekly church publication, he cites a study of 2,049 alleged delinquents in Fort Worth, Tex., and of 337 college students in three schools in northern Texas.

"It is a striking fact," says Porterfield, "that 100 per cent of the men and women in college reported doing at least one of the acts that had been serious enough to get less fortunate boys and girls into the courts, but instead of getting into court the former went to college."

Everyone Guilty.

The average college man reported doing in his pre-college days 17.6 per cent of the acts charged against court cases, the average college woman 4.7 per cent of the delinquent acts.

Not one acknowledged less than three kinds of delinquent acts.

Specific juvenile offenses which got into the court records varied all the way from shooting spit wads to murder.

Students, answering questionnaires anonymously, freely reported delinquencies of the same kind.

These students in their pre-college days "disturbed church, turned in false fire alarms, tripped trolleys, threw rocks at cars, set off fireworks in public buildings, drove while intoxicated, stole automobiles, bicycles, money, shoplifted, burglarized houses, forged checks, gambled, passed slugs and bad coins, had pre-marital sexual intimacies, attempted rape and so on."

They Have a 'Drag.'

Thirty-nine per cent of the men and 3 per cent of the girls reported drunkenness before enrolling in college, Porterfield disclosed, and 43 per cent of the men indulged in drunkenness during their college days.

Porterfield concludes that pre-college students do not suffer the penalties of these offenses because they have plenty of persons who "go to bat" for them, friends in the home, school, church and community.

Community planning coupled with church responsibility must provide the necessary constructive leadership, he concludes, to afford delinquents the same breaks given college-destined boys and girls.

Church News

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday, March 14, 1948

Sunday School at ten o'clock.

Preaching Service at three in the afternoon, by the Rev. Ed. Hughes.

REEDY SPRINGS

There will be preaching service at Reedy Springs Church at 3:00 o'clock Sunday, March 14, by the Rev. L. P. Brown.

MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
Floyd M. Lucas, Minister

Sunday School: 9:45.

Preaching Service, 11:00.
Lessons From Parables.
Youth Fellowship 6:45.
Preaching Service 7:30.
Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH FIELD
Cecil G. Carter, Pastor

HOLLYWOOD:
10:00 A. M., Sunday School.
11:00 A. M., Morning Worship.
"Enemies of Jesus."

EVERGREEN:
6:30 P. M., Training Union.
7:30 P. M. Evening Worship.
"Friends of Jesus."

The annual meeting of the State W. M. U. is in Lynchburg beginning March 16.

The annual meeting of the Appomattox Sunday School Association is at Liberty Church on March 18th.

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH
Appomattox, Va.
J. Marshall Walker, Minister

Baptist Hour, 8 o'clock.
Sunday School, 9:30.
C. S. Jenkins, Supt.

Morning Worship, 11 A. M.
B. T. U., 6:30. Laura McFadden, director.
Evening Worship, 7:30.

Palm Sunday broadcast from Liberty Baptist Church:

The services from 11 to 12 at Liberty Baptist Church will be broadcast over WFLO on Sunday morning, March 21, 1948. Miss Harriett Holley will direct junior and senior choirs. The Rev. J. Marshall Walker, minister, will preach.

Notice: Let us do your mimeographing and Job Printing.

The Times - Virginian.

EHRICH'S
809 MAIN STREET
LYNCHBURG, VA.
OPTOMETRIST - OPTICIAN
Eyes Examined - Glasses Fitted
PRESCRIPTION WORK
A SPECIALTY
Send us your repair work.
WE Pay Postage

IF YOU HAD A FIRE TONIGHT
Do you have any Insurance?
Do you have enough Insurance?
The cost is small.
Better be safe than sorry.
A. R. HARWOOD Insurance Agency

THE BEST HEALTH INSURANCE
★ Do not feel that you must be sick before you consult a physician. Preventive medicine is the medical watchword of today. The physician is more concerned in keeping you in good health than in finding you ill. A periodic physical examination is the best form of health insurance you can buy. If your physician thinks you need medicine, he will prescribe it. You can do no better than to bring your prescription to us for prompt, professional service.
Harold Y. Spencer
Registered Pharmacist on duty at all times.
Rexall DRUG STORE
APPOMATTOX, VA.

YOU NEVER KNOW
how good your INSURANCE POLICY is until you suffer a LOSS. Then it is TOO LATE to buy the BEST instead of the CHEAPEST!
THIRTY-TWO YEARS of prompt and satisfactory service to our policyholders prove the value of the insurance policies we sell.
J. A. BURKE & COMPANY
"All Forms of Good Insurance" Phone 4902

LEE THEATRE
THE SHOWPLACE OF APPOMATTOX
NEW WINTER SCHEDULE:
Monday through Friday, Firs: Show 7 P. M., Last Show 9 P. M.
Saturdays: Continuous from 5 P. M., Last Show: 9:30 P. M.

COMING ATTRACTIONS
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 13—
JOHN MACK BROWN in
GUNMAN'S CODE
Also: ROY ACUFF in
Hi Neighbor
MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 16—
CANYON PASSAGE
(Technicolor)
WED., THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 18— Hedy Lamar
STRANGE WOMAN

EASY SPINDRIER'S TWIN TUBS WASH MORE CLOTHES FASTER!
SEE for yourself how the Easy Spindrier's twin tubs work as a team to get your weekly wash over and done with in less than one hour. One tub washes a full load while the other rinses and spins a full load damp-dry. The amazing Spindrier whirls out up to 25% *more* water than tight-set wringer rolls. No tired-some feeding clothes through a wringer.
You get the whole job done in a hurry in a twin tub Easy. It's fast, safe and thorough. Easy is your best buy in washers!
WASHES A FULL LOAD HERE
RINSES
WHILE IT RINSES AND SPIN-DRIES A FULL LOAD HERE
189.95 Easy terms
SEE IT IN ACTION TODAY!
LESTER B. HARVEY
Phone 8103 Appomattox, Va.

READ IT FIRST IN YOUR HOME COUNTY PAPER

TIMES-VIRGINIAN

TO BUY OR SELL USE OUR CLASSIFIED COLUMN

A LIVE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AT HISTORIC APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA — ESTABLISHED IN 1892

VOLUME 56 NUMBER 12 APPOMATTOX, VIRGINIA THURSDAY MARCH 18, 1948 $1.50 PER YEAR COPY 5¢

ome Agent's chedule For ext Week

oma Demonstration Agent's chedule for the week of arch 22—27:

itchen and Back Porch Storage be the demonstration for each the Home Demonstration Club tings this week. Reports will be n by the leaders on the Feder- n Goal, Garden and Poultry. red slides will be shown on ese.

onday, March 22- Clover Hill e Demonstration Club will at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. W. P. ge.

uesday, March 23.- The Trinity e Demonstration Club will at 2:00 P. M. at the home of Roger Pillow.

ursday, March 25.- The Oak- e Home Demonstration Club meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Rush.

riday, March 26- The Rocks e Demonstration Club will at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Mary on.

ouse extends rent control.

ird Party forces to seek peti- get place on the Novem- ballot in Virginia.

ly attendance in schools in will average 500,000 next authorities claim.

plans to attend hearing on oll tax bill.

y safe—drive carefully.

Uncle Sam Says

ot your Problems, Mr. Farmer?

w posers arise every day, n't they? Jobs to be done, ces you'd like to perform sim- ans quickly to save valuable e.

Here's a tip: To help solve ese problems, keep your eyes ned to our regular column of uction farming suggestions— e column that's packed with lpful hints to make your job ster. Be sure to read

FARM TOPICS *in every issue!*

p Communists attack aid from ted States.

High School Chatter . . .

Hi, Folks!

Did you notice all the bustles, funny hats, and canes going to the school last Friday? Well, we had a "Gay Nineties" party, sponsored by the Home Ec classes, and what a gay party it was, too! Yes, we believe even the teachers enjoyed seeing themselves imitated. Elizabeth Mundy and Dick Marks received prizes for having the best costumes.

We heard some mighty familiar voices over the radio last Saturday morning. All the students from here that were on "Command Performance" seemed to have had a wonderful time.

The 4-H Club had charge of the chapel program last Wednesday. We were glad to have Mr. R. B. Hudgins to talk to us.

Many of our former students are doing outstanding work in their schools and jobs. This week we would like to mention Fred Smith and Betsy Higginbotham, who made the dean's list at their respective colleges.

We understand that the Geometry class is looking for a prospective bride for their teacher. These seniors will do anything to get out of class. We have also heard that some of the juniors are looking for some transparent cardboard for the windows in his room. Poor man. He is also in need of a blackboard compass.

We hear that the S. C. A. District meeting was a big success. There were over two hundred present. The chairman, Billy Guill, did a nice job of presiding.

Have you noticed the school and grounds lately? This new appearance is due, largely, to the Clean-Up Contest put on by the S. C. A. Many good posters were drawn. Sonny Martin won first prize.

MONROE LODGE

Monroe Lodge No. 301, A. F. & A. M., meets the second Monday of every month in their hall at Appomattox, at 8:00 P. M. Visiting brothers welcome.

J. T. M. Richardson, W. M.

WOODMAN CIRCLE MEETS

Supreme Forest Woodman Circle Grove No. 73, will have its regular meeting on Monday, March 22, at 8.00 o'clock. All members are asked to be present.

New auto license plates are now on sale in Virginia.

BURN BRUSH AND TRASH AFTER 4:00 P. M.
WHEN IT IS CALM

IT'S GOOD PRACTICE any time of the year.
BETWEEN MARCH 1 and MAY 15, Virginia's law permits burning only between 4:00 P. M. and 12 midnight.

Plan Opening New Legion Building

Formal opening of the recently purchased American Legion Building will be celebrated on Friday, March 26, at 7:30 P. M.

Dinner will be served in the new building for members of the Legion, their wives, and members of the Legion Auxiliary.

Garden Club Will Meet

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet Monday evening, March 22, at 8:00 o'clock, in the high school cafeteria.

Mr. Frank Carr will be guest speaker, on the subject of the Conservation Program in Our County. Hostesses will be Mrs. C. T. Moses Jr., Mrs. Lewis McDearmon, and Mrs. Frances Cheatham. Two new officers have been elected: Mrs. A. B. Harwood, Jr., president, and Mrs. DeWitt Evans, secretary. They take office May 1.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, March 17.- Mrs. Lula Howerton, Mrs. Clarkie Cheatham and Aubrey Cheatham spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chilton.

Mrs. R. B. McCormick, who has been a patient at the Lynchburg General Hospital for the past two weeks, has returned home.

Rev. Hughes delivered fine sermon at the Spout Spring Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mrs. J. A. Martin, who has been sick, is better.

Mrs. George Carson and daughter, Harriett, spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Hubbard Coleman returned home Saturday, after spending two weeks in Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clapp, of Richmond spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Johnston, and Mrs. J. M. Clapp.

Charlie F. Johnston, of N. & W. R. R. was home one day last week.

Truman attends St. Patrick's Day parade in New York.

China approves a new plan for stabilization.

Farm Bureau Formed Here

A County Farm Bureau has been organized for Appomattox County. A preliminary meeting was held recently, with Dr. S. S. Shouse as temporary chairman, and Tom Davidson as temporary secretary.

Nominating committee for permanent officers is composed of G. W. Shirey, Carter Martin and W. D. O'Brien.

The next meeting will be held at the Court House at 8:00 P. M., on March 25. Farmers are invited.

PAPER COLLECTION SET FOR APRIL 3

April 3 has been set as the date for paper collection by the Appomattox Cub Scouts, it was announced this week.

Six Teams In Skyline League

The Skyline Baseball League will probably be cut down to six teams this season, due to Buena Vista, Glasgow, Salem and Big Island dropping out to join another loop. Altavista, Appomattox, Lynchburg, Amherst, Piney River and Bedford will probably make up the Skyline teams.

March of Dimes Results Given

G. B. Buchanan stated this week that approximately $1,000.00 was raised in this county in the recent March of Dimes drive. He asked all solicitors to turn in their reports at once, so that the final report could be made. He also thanke l all workers and contributors who aided the campaign.

Evergreen

Evergreen, March 15.- Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Ferguson spent the week-end with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Covington, of Vera.

It makes us feel like spring is here, after such a hard winter. The farmers are really busy now, plowing and getting for another crop.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans, of Appomattox visited his sister, Miss Blannie Evans Sunday. They also called to see Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette.

Mrs. A. B. Ferguson continues ill at her home here. Those calling to see her recently were Mrs. T. D. Harris and baby, from Walkers Ford, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chernault, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Coleman, all of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coleman and children, Louise and Joe, and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Toms, all of Charlottesville, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover and family, Mrs. Ruth Jennings, Mrs. Lucie Staples, Mrs. Mildred Alvis, and Mrs. Al Garrett.

Miss "Red" Paulett was Sunday guest of Misses Phyllis and Jean LeGrand.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Collins and son, of Richmond ab't Rev. and Mrs C. G. Carter visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Warriner last Tuesday.

Mrs. Jennings Ferguson and Mrs H. B. Cralle visited in the same home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Glover and Misses Eulella and Elnora Glover visited Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover recently.

G. W. Glover is sick at this writing.

Miss Elnora Glover celebrated her birthday Saturday.

West Europe nations sign a defense pact.

Try a Classified Ad.

County Health Unit is now in operation.

March of Dimes Next Thursday

The Appomattox Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet on next Thursday, March 25, at the home of Mrs. William Abbitt Coleman, at 3:00 o'clock.

Mrs. William Patterson Coleman and Miss Esther Coleman will be joint hostesses with Mrs. Coleman.

Miss Julia Asher, high school librarian, will talk on Southern Poets and Writers.

CIRCLE MEETING

The Lizzie Cawthon Circle will have a business meeting Wednesday, March 24, at 2:00 P. M., immediately prior to the general W. M. U. meeting at Liberty Baptist Church.

SPOUT SPRING P.-T. A.

The regular monthly meeting of the Spout Spring P. T. A. was held on March 15. George F. Abbitt, Jr. addressed the meeting on the subject, "Building a Foundation."

Stock Show And Sale

Approximately 100 fat steers and 125 fat hogs, fitted by 4-H Club members from 20 Virginia counties, will be consigned for show and sale April 22 in Richmond at the Atlantic Rural Exposition grounds, G. C. Herring, animal husbandman for the Extension Service, has announced.

Richwood

Richwood, March 17.- Rev. Cecil Carter announces divine services will be held at Central Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell visited with Wm. Fleshman Sunday.

Bad luck has again struck at the home of J. J. Moore. In addition to the cow lost last week, another cow and a horse died on Sunday night.

Charlie Rush motored to Lynchburg Sunday afternoon, to meet his wife, who had been visiting with friends over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marsh were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson, of Brookneal, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilbun Sunday.

Miss Virginia Wooldridge, who has been ill for several days, is up and around again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Holland, who are temporarily residing in Washington, D. C., visited at their new residence here on Monday and Tuesday.

Coal shut down may sharply cut steel production.

Truman and Dewey review Irish parade in New York.

President Asks Crises Legislation

In a special address yesterday, President Truman asked Congress for:

1— Immediate passage of the Marshall Plan aid bill for Europe to implement resistance to further Russian aggression;

2— Immediate passage of universal military training;

3— Immediate re-establishment of Selective Service and the draft, on a temporary, emergency basis.

The Senate has passed the Marshall Plan bill. Quick action in the House is expected. It is anticipated that debate on the other two requests will be more extended.

U. D. C. Meets Next Thursday

Budget Studied By Appomattox County Boards

President Truman is not the only one having troubles these days. Consider the problem of preparing a county budget! Appomattox County fiscal authorities don't have to worry about Russia, but they have their hands full trying to stretch available funds to cover a rising assortment of requests for funds.

A preliminary draft of a county budget has been worked out, and will be announced when whipped into proper form. It is likely to call for an increase in the tax rate of possibly fifty cents per $100 valuation. Chances are that there will be no re-assessment of property until next year, to take effect on 1950 taxes. Re-assessment calls for more time and that is not available this year.

The county has run into rising costs of maintaining existing services and functions, besides a demand for considerable increases in most operations. Chief need for increased appropriations is for the schools. It had been hoped that the recent session of the General Assembly would do something to help the counties meet rising school demands. Little or nothing was done, and counties have a major problem on their hands.

It is understood that in an effect to postpone building requirements at Appomattox High School, the school will resume use of the old dormitory building, and try to rig up facilities therein to relieve some of the overcrowded conditions. Housing for the county Negro schools and Carver High School are major problems, too, in preparing the budget, not to overlook the calls for new school buses.

A meeting of the school study committee appointed following a recent mass meeting here, will be called later this month.

Appomattox County is not the only county having difficulty in preparing its budget and in meeting the rising tide of costs. Substancial tax increases have been the order of the day for county after county, coupled with reassessment of property. Some counties have had to resort to large bond issues to prepare for capital outlay.

County fiscal authorities have labored hard and faithfully on all these problems, and with the desire to make available for go as far as possible . . . and even a little more. Considerable interest has been shown by citizens of the county, with a wholesome democratic interest in public affairs.

Dr. Kendig Dies Suddenly

Dr. W. D. Kendig, of Kenbridge, prominent Southside Virginia physician and a member of the State Senate, died suddenly of a heart attack in Farmville on Tuesday night. Death came to the 67 year old member of the General Assembly just after he had completed a speech before the Farmville Rotary Club.

He was prominent in political, social, civic and medical circles in the Fourth District.

He was the father-in-law of Dr. William T. Pugh, of Lynchburg.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Fred C. Smith, of Appomattox, a junior in the school of pharmacy at the Medical College of Virginia, was on the dean's list of distinguished students for the winter quarter, according to Dean R. Blackwell Smith, Jr. The dean's list in the school of pharmacy of the college includes those students who have made a "B" average in their courses.

Weather Today— fair and some cooler.

Steel plants ready to cut production due to coal shortage.

Phone 30 with News Items.

Subscription Rate: $1.50 a yea